

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshihito ASAO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/809,870

Group Art Unit: 2836

Confirmation No.: 7600

Examiner: Michael RUTLAND WALLIS

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: VEHICLE POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On July 24, 2008, the undersigned attorney conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Rutland-Wallis to discuss the Advisory Action mailed July 21, 2008.

The Examiner agreed that JP 2004-120936 is **not available as a reference** against the present application because JP '936 was published on **April 15, 2004** which is **later** than Applicant's U.S. filing date of **March 26, 2004**. (JP '936 was cited in the counterpart Japanese Patent Office Action submitted with the IDS which Applicant filed on April 14, 2006.)

The attorney also noted that the "informatively cited" Krieger '993 is irrelevant because, *inter alia*, it discloses only a portable electrical energy source which is completely non-analogous to Applicant's claimed "vehicle power supply system".

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Thus, the attorney submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance (subject to further prior art searching by the Examiner) **with claims 1 and 17.**

Respectfully submitted,

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